

One dot at a time

The Green Dot, etc. program has made its way to Northwest

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Northwest has adopted a new bystander intervention program that has already shown success in schools across the nation.

Green Dot, etc. is an organization aimed at systematically and measurably reducing violence in communities. Health Instructor B.K. Taylor took a group of students and faculty to a Green Dot training program in January in Columbia, Missouri.

According to Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker, the University's investment in the program caught the attention of the Department of Health and Senior Services. The department and the University then signed a contract providing the University with a yearly grant as long as it continue its commitment to the program.

"People think we have a problem, and that's why we start-

ed this, but we were actually being so proactive that they wanted to support programs that were truly committed to this, and they did," Baker said.

The money is solely allocated to funding the program and its needs, which includes the hiring of new Green Dot Coordinator Danielle Koonce.

There have been many bystander intervention programs in the past at Northwest, such as "It's On Us" and Bearcat Watch, but Taylor said what sets Green Dot apart is its focus.

"What separates it is how it fits with our community and the effectiveness of it compared to other programs, and I think that is because of how specific it is," Taylor said. "The problem you face with other bystander intervention programs is that they are too broad.

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Schools participating in the Green Dot, etc. program have shown a 50 percent decrease in reported sexual assaults by their students.

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Students simplify scholarship process

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Northwest University and the Community Foundation of Northwest Missouri have partnered in an effort to make the process of applying for scholarships easier for incoming and undergraduate students.

The Community Foundation of Northwest Missouri is a public charity serving the Northwest Missouri area. They aim to serve as a vehicle for charitable giving, as

well as now, helping college students find scholarship opportunities.

According to the program's Administrative Director Stacey Helfery, students fill out 20 to 50 scholarship applications every year, all asking the same questions.

The program's goal is to consolidate Northwest's many applications into a basic one that will also show students what scholarships they are eligible for.

The program used for this ap-

plication is called Scholar-Link, a web platform created and designed by Northwest graduate students. Scholar-Link allows students to apply for 360 scholarships identified in the northwest Missouri area covering 18 counties.

"There is one basic application in the database: it's called the student profile. Students log in, make an account with a username and password and then they complete a profile," Helfery said. "(The profile) is made up of standard ques-

tions asked on every scholarship application - grade point average, American College Testing scores, major, class rank, etc. Once they've completed the profile, based on how they answered the questions, it will tie them to the scholarships they are eligible for. Then it will tell them what else is needed from them, such as a transcript, reference letters or an essay."

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Senate bill changes traffic ticket prices

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Upcoming changes to penalties for minor traffic violations may give Missourians some financial relief and peace of mind.

Full-time Northwest students who work part time could potentially make anywhere from \$561.68 to \$714 in a given month. Bills, rent, gas costs, college savings, food and other unforeseen expenses greatly reduce students' financial capability without parking ticket fines, which could result in driver license suspension if left unpaid.

The emergency Missouri Senate bill No. 5, signed by Governor Jay Nixon in July, lowers the traffic violation fines to a combined maximum of \$300. Senate bill No. 5 lowers the amount of operating revenue collected from traffic infractions to 20 percent instead of 30 percent. The bill goes into effect January 2016.

Excess revenue gained from tickets will go to the Missouri Department of Revenue. On top of that, the bill allows for unpaid fines to go to the Department of Revenue to cover the cost.

The latest official 2015 Senate

bill No. 5 text states:

"If a person fails to pay court costs, fines, fees, or other sums ordered by a municipal court, to be paid to the state or political subdivision, a municipal court may report any such delinquencies in excess of

twenty-five dollars to the director of the department of revenue and request that the department seek a set off of an income tax refund as provided by sections 143.782 to 143.788."

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Charges filed in Franken case

A probable cause statement for Dalton Mulligan was filed by Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice Sept. 24 after Mulligan was arrested for third degree assault, possession of marijuana

“It’s on me.

-Robert Rice
Nodaway County
Prosecuting Attorney

na and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia Sept. 5.

According to the probable cause statement, Mulligan witnessed his girlfriend, Celsea L. Killian, damaging his black 2013 Nissan Altima outside of Franken Hall. Mulligan then ran to his vehicle, grabbed Killian and threw her to the ground.

Northwest student Scott K. Mullins witnessed Mulligan throwing Killian to the ground and intervened. Mulligan then threw a punch at Mullins and put him in a headlock.

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Senate bill No. 5 will lower the combined total of traffic violation fees to \$300.

Fibers class intertwines departments

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This week is Intercultural Week here at Northwest and the best way to promote unity is to have departments work together to foster learning and expand creativity for their students.

Fibers is a required class for students studying Art Education. There are eight students with three advanced students enrolled in the class. The Fibers class partnered with the Agriculture Department to create quilts using the wool that was collected by Art and Elementary Education students last spring. Those students were taught how to shear sheep by the agricultural students.

“The process of making raw wool into something that we can work with can take close to two weeks if we did it non-stop,” Fibers Professor Stuart Robinson, Ph.D said. “Just last week my students made natural dye to color the wool that they weave.”

Last fall, Fibers students also made quilts but were not involved in the wool processing.

“For my first year, I introduced the students to natural dyeing using roots, berries, spices, and plant parts. We even took a walk down Second street, scavenged for walnuts, and cooked them into a dye,” Robinson said. “As a result of some casual conversations with colleagues and acquaintances on campus, I was able

to identify the University Farm as a place to perform traditional processes with the help of agriculture students, gain access to raw materials and build better connections across campus.”

The efforts of the student paid off, their quilt from last fall took first place in the district at the Missouri State Senate Art Competition.

This year’s quilt is set to be completed before Thanksgiving so the students can switch focuses to knitting.

Senior Mallory Misemer is one of the Advanced Fibers students and was able to reflect on the process and how it compared to last year.

“Last year was more community based. This year is more individual based. We come together and share ideas and give each other critiques,” Misemer said. “It’s broadened my perspective on fibers because in the advanced course you are working on collaborative skills. My knowledge of the functions of fibers has expanded.”

The fibers class is a community style class that allows every student to feel included and have their ideas be heard.

“I really enjoyed this process because it represented a traditional quilting circle,” Senior Samantha Hess said. “This is a skill that I am very excited to teaching my future students about because it is so grounded in Missouri history and is vital in keeping Missouri tradition alive.”



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Students in Stuart Robinson’s class have been learning every step in processing wool in hopes of making a quilt.

Due to the success of the class and integrating the wool processing aspect into the curriculum, the process will be continued in the future.

Northwest is a university that is constantly evolving and trying to do

what is best for the students. Unity is becoming a common theme around campus and Fibers is just one example of this.

“Momentum is building for interdisciplinary, integrated experi-

ences. As part of the university’s persistent drive toward excellence and student success, interdisciplinary education may become Northwest’s new tradition,” Robinson said.

Glow Run illuminates night, helps childhood hunger

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If you were near campus Sept. 26, you would have seen many people happily driving home from the

game after seeing their Bearcats win and a few people glowing.

The Northwest Missouri State University Student Dietetics Association (NSDA) put on the fifth annual 5k glow run/walk to raise

money for Backpack Buddies of Nodaway County, specifically for the Maryville School District.

Backpack Buddies help provide children in need with things such as nutritious food, comfort items or

certain basic necessities through the use of backpacks and other efficient means. These children in need are given these items directly to make a positive and lasting impact on their health and well being. The Maryville School District has around 288 students that are enrolled in this program for 2015.

To make this not just a typical 5k, a few years ago, some members from NSDA came to Food and Dietetics Instructor Kelli Wilmes, a sponsor for NSDA, with the idea to put on a glow run. The glow run is a typically 5k race except the runners or walkers are given some glow sticks. Runners were also encouraged to dress up in bright colors.

Wilmes was very pleased by the turn out for the 5th annual glow run.

“As of yesterday (Sept. 25), we had 100 people register, which is the most we have ever had and hopefully we will have more that show up,” Wilmes said.

Last year, the 5k raised around \$1,000 and the NSDA is hoping to succeed that with their record turn out.

Out of the 100 racers, two were especially enthusiastic. Freshmen Austin Winzer and Becca Phillips, heard about the race through NSDA and decided that it would be a fun event to participate in. The freshmen from Iowa were more than eager to run the race.

“I’m running the race because it helps benefit the Backpack Buddies and it is a fun event for a good cause,” Phillips said.

When it came to the race, they had some goals in mind. They wanted to run as much of the 5k as possible. In high school, Phillips ran in her free time, while for Winzer, he was not a runner. Winzer had different views when it came the outlook of the 5k.

The top three male and female winners received prizes such as gift cards for their accomplishment. The totals for the amount of money and the number of racers are still being tallied, but they will have the results by the end of the week.

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Grupo Atlantico to bring Latin flare to campus

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A Saint Louis based dance group will be the finale of Northwest’s intercultural festival Saturday.

Grupo Atlantico will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3 in the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts. This performance will act as the conclusion of the University’s intercultural festival as well as the opening act for the Encore Series.

Founder and Artistic Director for Grupo Atlantico Carmen Dence said the group was invited to celebrate International Education Week and Hispanic Heritage Month. Dence said she believes her group is perfect for this event.

“(Our goal is) to present the rhythms, music and rituals of Northern Colombia and other Latin Caribbean regions or islands such as Venezuela, Guatemala, Honduras, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Dominican Republic, etc. and farther south with dances from Brazil and Peru,” Dence said.

Dence created the group in November, 1995 and said in the nearly 20 years since, they have gone through many changes.

“As you can imagine after 20 years, the group is very dynamic and has evolved,” Dence said. “As some dancers and musicians may leave town, get married, change jobs, etc., new talents make an appearance to invigorate and reshape our choreographies and musical offerings all the



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Grupo Atlantico is coming to Northwest during Intercultural Festival Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Ron Houston Center.

time.”

Dence said she created this group mainly to spread her love for Latin American dance culture.

“I decided to create a cultural group that will reflect my preferences and love for the music and dances of the Latin Caribbean, in particular my knowledge of dances from the northern region of Colombia,”

Dence said. “Thus the name Grupo Atlantico.”

Maria Balogh became a dancer for Grupo Atlantico in 2008 and said she decided to join the group because it reminded her of home.

“To me it is an opportunity to reconnect with my roots in an engaged way, since I have been outside of Colombia for so many years,” Ba-

logh said.

Balogh said she looks forward to opening of the minds of the audience with each performance. She and the rest of Grupo Atlantico hope to do this with more than just their dance and music.

“I am a published poet, so our performances are enhanced by my reading of original poems, a few of

them inspired by the group,” Balogh said.

Dence said diverse artistic collaboration is one of the things that sets Grupo Atlantico apart.

“Perhaps it is the vibrancy of our diverse music and dances, the variety of colorful costumes, the extensive artistic collaboration that we do with other artists from the St Louis region,” Dence said. “For example, with this program we are involving dancers from the Ashleyliane Dance Company (ADC), a professional dance venue, and master musicians of high caliber. We also offer to our dancers the opportunity to develop and contribute to the choreographic process, design of costumes, etc. Our group is open to people from all backgrounds and nationalities. Once they ‘taste’ the music and dances, invariably they get hooked and want to learn what is behind each step, gesture, as well as polishing Spanish language skills if they so desire.”

Dence said audience members should expect a diverse and interactive experience Saturday.

“(They should expect) a real taste of what the Latin Caribbean culture is all about,” Dence said. “A sampling of the tri-ethnic heritage, Spanish, African and Native cultures creating the ‘mestizo’ or ‘mestizaje.’ More importantly, expect active participation at the end of the program when the audience is invited to join us onstage to partake of the fun. We love to dance and it will show.”

Family weekend gives parents a glimpse of college life

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When students start vacuuming their floor, taking out the trash, doing their laundry and making their beds, it can only mean one thing: it is Northwest’s annual family weekend.

Family weekend has been a long standing tradition here at Northwest. The Student Activities Council plans a weekend of fun for families visiting their students here on campus.

Director of Special Events for SAC, Morgan Glade leads a group that puts on events all over campus throughout the year.

“This weekend was family weekend. Friday night, we had Jim Wand, a hypnotist, at the performing arts center

and Mission IMPROVable, a comedy improv group,” Glade said. “There were also two 5ks that happened, one at 7 a.m. and one at 7 p.m.. There was a pancake breakfast Saturday morning. There was a lot going on.”

SAC kept busy this weekend setting up and making sure that all Bearcats and their families enjoyed their experiences.

Sophomore Carter Jeffery attended both the hypnotist and the improv group.

“I had a great weekend. I have always been skeptical of hypnotism, but my girlfriend really wants me to try. So maybe next time,” Jeffery said. “Mission IMPROVable was really fun and family oriented, which was awesome.”

Northwest celebrates family weekend every year, it has become a long standing

tradition that is important to both the families and the students.

“I think family weekend is really important at Northwest to show parents what college is really like. There is a lot of studying that goes on, but there are also plenty of ways to have fun or have a good night without going out and (partying),” Jeffery said.

Chase Moyer was a visitor for this family weekend and the experience made him excited to potentially transfer to Northwest.

“I currently attend community college back home and was here this weekend visiting my girlfriend. The more and more I was here, the more and more that I didn’t want to go back to my school,” Moyer said.

Moyer participated in the Glow Run, the 5k that took

place Saturday night and supported the charity Backpack Buddies.

Backpack Buddies provides students on free and reduced lunch with meals to eat over the weekend when their families can not afford them.

“The glow run was awesome. The weather couldn’t have been better. It was a really cool way to push myself and help other people,” Moyer said.

Aside from the SAC events, Maryville offers several other options for an enjoyable weekend.

Freshmen Maggie Novak was visited by her parents and two younger sisters, and the family decided to skip the football game and events for a day with her family off of campus.

“We went to Mozingo and had a picnic instead. It



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Northwest Marching Band performs before Saturday’s game.

was really nice and peaceful. I was glad my family could come up and see me and see what my life looks like on a day to day basis,” Novak said.

The 2015 family weekend was full of excitement, plenty of activities and relentless

cheering for the Bearcat football team that triumphed over Oklahoma Central 23-16. For the parents missing their children, it was a great chance to see them again and have a glimpse into college life.

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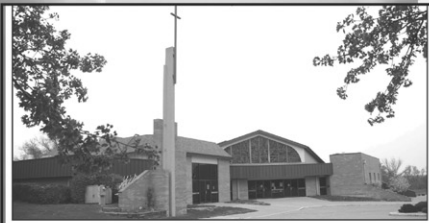
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German student compares college experiences



Moving to a different country for half a year seems pretty scary, and it is. But it is not my first time living in the US. In 2010 I lived in Indiana for a year to go high school. I got the chance to learn a lot about the American culture and collected unforgettable memories.

Learning about different cultures is a special opportunity that helps you understand the world better. You see why people are the way they are. Also, you see cities that you could not even imagine before. Coming here, I saw a lot of skyscrapers, which was amazing. There are not that many in Germany and they are not as high.

I had the chance to see cultural celebrations like the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving that I never celebrated before and during this semester, I will have the chance to celebrate Thanksgiving again.

Maryville and Aachen (West of Germany) are both considered college towns. Comparing them, you can see a lot of differences. Students actually live on campus here, while in Germany you move to your own apartment or try to find a dormitory in the city, which

is sometimes impossible due to the large amount of students.

There is also huge student life in the U.S. You can join sports teams, see productions at the theatre, visit the gym, etc. All this is possible in Germany, but not through college. You would have to search for an organization in your city to become part of those kind of activities.

To join college, you often need a good numerus clausus (comparable to GPA). This means that they look at your average grade of the last two years of high school. Majors like journalism do not require it at all. Often times, you also have to take a test about the subject of the major and common sense questions like knowing the last 5 presidents of Germany.

Furthermore, you need to know your major when you apply because you will apply to that certain major. Changing majors is not as easy as in America. You would have to start all over again, but if you are lucky they transfer some of your grades to comparable classes. In Germany it also only takes three years to get your Bachelor's degree and you do not have to pay high tuition fees. The only payment I have to make is about 200 Euro each semester and with that I get a train/bus ticket throughout North Rhine-Westphalia, the area I live in.

I actually had the chance to

take courses in the Netherlands as well as in Belgium during my fourth semester of college. Going to class there offered me seeing even more ways of learning and teaching.

Something I experienced in America, but also in the Netherlands and Belgium is that the relationships between students and professors are more personal. In Germany you call them Mister or Miss(es) and I would consider it a highly professional relationship. Here, and also in the two other countries I had courses in, you call the teachers by their first name. When you want to say something, you often just shout it out without raising your hand. I prefer that kind of relationship because it creates a better and more active atmosphere in class.

Usually the courses are much longer in Germany than here. I took one course that lasted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those courses were mandatory, but usually you do not have to visit lectures. From the first to third semester I did not have to go to lectures, but I had a couple tutorials related to some of the courses that I had to go to. That means a lot of times, it was only mandatory for me to go to tutorials about two days a week for about an hour. Everything else was up to me to decide if I wanted to go there or not.

One other thing I had to get used to in America is having as-

signments and tests throughout the semester. I have not done any homework since I left high school. Furthermore, we only have one final at the end of the semester in each class. This might seem easier, but sadly it is not. In those finals they ask us to apply everything about the semester and the semesters before to real life situations. The grade of the final is mostly the grade you get at the end. There is no grade for participation, but sometimes we have to do projects, which counted from 20 percent to 50 percent to our grade. For some courses you also have to take a pre-test to be permitted for the final.

Studying abroad was one of the best things I have done. I want to encourage everyone to study abroad. It is a unique experience that you can only have while you are in college. Later when you are working, you might not have enough time to go to different countries. And especially in Europe, you will have the opportunity to see lots of countries in a short time. There is a big difference between living somewhere and just travelling there. Do not be afraid. A lot of colleges in Europe even offer courses in English, so do not let your language skills stop you from going somewhere. The sky is the limit!

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Feel the Bern

Presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders proves to be most qualified for position



With all eyes on the Republican race, we need to take a step back and focus our attention on the Democratic Party. The first democratic debate will be held Oct. 13 and there is one candidate to keep an eye on.

Bernie Sanders is the man to watch in the debates, with multiple solutions to some of America's biggest issues. Sanders was the man to fight for marriage equality nearly 20 years ago.

Two of the top runners for the republican candidacy are CEO's of large companies. These are not people that can relate to us as Americans. We have to face it, 84 percent of America claims to be lower to middle class citizens. We cannot have a connection with a billionaire CEO of big companies. We need someone we can relate to.

One thing Sanders is fighting for is eliminating undergraduate tuition. This is something that affects us directly. College students are not made of money; this is no surprise to any of us. Why would we be opposed to an idea like this? He would like to provide \$47 billion per year to eliminate tuition and fees. This is an issue that would be hard to fulfill, but the fact that it is high on his list of priorities should be reason enough for all college students to get behind Sanders in his run for presidency.

Bernie Sanders is fighting a lot of the issues that we as Americans are actually facing or will have to face in the future. Issues like lowering the prices of pharmaceutical drugs, women's rights and creating higher paying jobs.

Sanders wants to fight to get America back to where we belong, because let's face it, America has plummeted on many issues. We are the only one out of 22 wealthy nations to not provide a paid sick leave to patients undergoing cancer treatment. Many Americans cannot afford to get their prescription drugs filled because of the high prices lobbyist put on them. He wants to fight to get these things fixed.

America is nervous about Sanders because he has openly claimed to be a socialist, but this is no reason to be afraid. America is already pretty socialist, so is it a big deal to be socialist? It just means that the big business will not get to call the shots anymore. Is that really that bad? Do we want the big businesses telling us what to do or how to live?

We U.S. citizens need to open our eyes to the reality of what is actually wrong with America, not just what we are being told is wrong with it. There are many problems plaguing the United States and no candidate but Bernie Sanders has the ability to fix them all. Sanders is best suited to turn this country around and put us back on top. We need to realize this and elect a true leader.

OUR VIEW:

New bill set to lower traffic fines



Everyone can agree, being pulled over is nothing more than an inconvenience. Worse than being pulled over is having to come up with the money to pay off the ridiculously high ticket that you get from a minor traffic violation.

A new bill that lowers the maximum price of traffic fines has been signed and will go into effect January 2016. This is a bill that many people have been waiting to see.

Lowering the maximum price of tickets for traffic violations will possibly lower the cost of the fine once it has happened. This is something that needed adjusting for a long time. Many times a minor violation has gotten a major penalty,

like going five miles-per-hour over the speed limit. That traffic violation does not merit the same penalty as going 25 over the speed limit.

This is where we bring the police into the issue. The police have been using these major fines for small violations as a threat to many of us while driving. We are in fear when we see a cop pull out of a parking lot behind us while driving, even if we know we have done nothing wrong, we still have that moment of panic. We all fear getting a \$90 ticket over forgetting a blinker for one turn. This does not seem like the appropriate fine for a violation of that caliber.

Frequently, a driver will receive a very large fine for some-

thing that was not as big of a violation just because the cop will want to overcharge. We have a

The thing to focus on is that police will use their authority to scare citizens. Most cops will threaten you with a massive ticket for a minor fine. With the signing of this bill, we can comfortably know that the fine will not be as extreme.

Knowing the maximum of combined fines will be \$300 can give drivers a little more confidence. We know that we are still at risk of getting a ticket, but we also know that the cops have to be a little more reasonable with their ticket writing.

Drivers charged with minor vi-

colations will no longer have their licenses suspended unless the case involves alcohol or drugs and drivers whose licenses have been suspended for minor violations will have them reinstated.

Drivers who have had their licenses suspended over something that does not involve alcohol or drugs seems like overkill. Driving under any sort of influence is worthy of having their license revoked, but to revoke a license because of multiple minor offenses seems foolish.

This bill is a great idea and we at the Missourian are completely supportive of the decision to lower the maximum fee.

SCHOLARSHIP
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“A great team of computer science graduate students at Northwest Missouri State University, partnering with Community Foundation of Northwest Missouri, designed and developed a user-friendly scholarship platform.

It was an impressive partnership with great synergy and an excellent example of how Northwest provides profession-based learning,” Mottet said.

Assistant Professor in Computer Science and Information Systems Denise Case said students were able to be involved with this organization through a course that is designed to give them real world experience.

“Students in our Masters of Applied Computer Science take a two semes-

ter graduate directed project course that gives them a chance to demonstrate their skills in a real world project environment. The students employ critical skills in current technologies while exercising their project management, software design, client communication and team collaboration competencies in the creation of a significant software system,” Case said. “As our client, Stacey volunteers her time to talk with our students on a regular basis and help clarify the requirements. By working together, over 70 students have helped build Scholar-Link, a web application that will help match potential recipients with the scholarships managed by the foundation.”

Another goal of this program is to grow the candidate pool for local scholarships. According to Helfery, there are many scholarships

that students do not even know exist. With Scholar-Link that issue will be eliminated.

Helfery said another reason the candidate pool for some scholarships is so low is because students become overwhelmed with the process and give up before finding all of the scholarships available.

“A lot of times, students miss out on scholarship opportunities because they have already filled out so many applications. They see one only worth a couple hundred of dollars and decide it isn’t worth it,” Helfery said.

Helfery believes that with this program it will make it so much easier for students to apply for as many scholarships as they can without getting burnt out in the process Helfery said she hopes to launch Scholar-Link in early 2016.

GREEN
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Basically, their goal is to stop everything: misuse of alcohol, sexual assault, bullying, you name it and bystander prevention programs promise to stop it. Green dot is not. It is very specific to focus on three things: stalking, relationship violence and sexual assault. It’s specific to what we want to target whereas other programs are more generic. When you make a program too generic, it loses its potency and Green Dot does not do that.”

It has been proven on other campuses that Green Dot works. According to a study led by Ann Coker at the University of Kentucky’s Center for Research on Violence Against Women, there was a greater than 50 percent reduction in the self-reported sexual violence perpetration by students at schools that received the Green Dot training compared to a slight increase at schools that did not.

Koonce attributes that to the program’s diverse training.

“I like to think of it as you’re in an argument with someone and you can’t quite think of the right thing to say so you walk away and 15-minutes later you realize what you should have said,” Koonce said. “Green Dot, especially with the day-

long bystander certification training process, it really allows for people to work through each of those situations, think about their own barriers and think about how their barriers affect the different situations and really practice how to step up and help in those situations. So, when you’re there in that moment, it’s not like, ‘Oh what do I do?’ it’s ‘OK, I can do this or this or this’ and they get to pick what works for them in that situation. The idea is that you can fix these problems with what works for you. Because what works for one of us isn’t going to work for all of us.”

The first of these day-long training sessions will take place in November and enrollment is on a volunteer basis. Koonce is currently going to various groups on campus in hopes that if she generates enough interest there, it will spread to the rest of the students.

According to Taylor, other than the training and marketing movements, students will also be able to watch out for a launch event in the next few months. Taylor did not have many details about the event, but he said there will be speakers and a pledge made to further the Green Dot program.

Another aspect of the Green Dot program is its ability to be measured. According to Taylor, there is a pre and post test for each training

session to assess how well the training program actually worked. Green Dot specific questions are also now included in the annual Missouri College of Behavioral Science Survey to track the progress and effectiveness on the program. They will also track the number of Green Dot crimes committed to see whether or not they are declining.

Koonce said another test for how well the program is working is its visual performance.

“Seeing people talking about it or wearing things that talk about Green Dot (is how I will measure its success),” Koonce said. “As I’ve gone around and talked about it, more and more people have gotten to hear about it so I have already been able to see progress.”

Baker said the biggest takeaway from this program is empowerment.

“The 45-year-old me would see a situation and say, ‘Oh no, this isn’t going to happen’,” Baker said. “But a 19-year-old, a 20-year-old, would they be empowered enough to walk up to a group of people, one person on five, and stop them from taking that girl into the house or the room? The government can’t fix this, the University can’t fix this... we have to agree that this is how we are going to treat each other together and make it socially acceptable to help each other.”

CHARGES
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Mullins received mild injuries to his face and his glasses were broken during the altercation.

Following the altercation, University Police received a search warrant for Mulligan’s vehicle. During the search, the officers discovered a small plastic bag containing a green leafy substance with the odor of marijuana, a second small bag containing a green leafy substance with the odor of marijuana and a multi-colored pipe with residue and mar-

ijuana odor.

Rice said he the delayed the probable cause statement to decide what charges to file against Mulligan in hopes that more information would become present. However, in the 19 days between the incident and the filling, no new information surfaced regarding the case.

University Police Chief Clarence Green said he had no knowledge of there being a search for more information.

In the end, Rice said the delay of the charges was his doing.

“It’s on me,” Rice said.

TRAFFIC
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However, Senate Bill No. 5 remains somewhat controversial. Small towns face the challenge of ever decreasing population and loss of business to online and out of town shopping. Opponents argue that reducing the amount of revenue collected from traffic fines hampers revenue sources for those towns. Fortunately, the city of Maryville need not fear the upcoming changes. Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood weighed in on whether or not the changes would impact how Public Safety deals with traffic fines.

“Our collection of fines, especially for minor traffic, is significantly below the threshold of both previous or old legislation (Macks Creek law) and the new one established by SB5,” Wood said.

The bill alters the penalty for unpaid fines. Drivers charged with minor violations will no longer have their licenses suspended unless the cases involve drugs or alcohol. Missouri residents with suspensions will have their licenses reinstated.



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Sept. 25
A summons was issued to **Margaret T. Novak**, 18, at the 100 Block of North Buchanan for minor in possession.

A summons was issued to **Hannah K. Olson**, 18, at the 100 block of North Buchanan for minor in possession.

A summons was issued to **Kara L. Parman**, 18, at the 100 block of North Buchanan for minor in possession.

Sept. 27
A summons was issued to **Dustin L. Price**, 33, for disorderly conduct at the 200 Block of North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 600 Block of North Fillmore.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from A.M.V at the 500 Block of Seventh Street.

Sept. 28
There is an ongoing investigation of lost/stolen property at the 400 Block of North Market.

There was an accident at the 1200 Block of South Main.
Driver 1: Giggar, Treston L., 17, city/citation – failure to yield
Driver 2: Robinson, Markel V., 18, Kansas City, MO
Driver 3: Miller, Sara P., 26, Tarkio, MO
Driver 4: Gray, Wallis A., 74, city

There was an accident at the 100 Block of East Third Street.
Driver 1: Myers, Beverly A., 60, City
Driver 2: Fusion, Sarah E., 22, King City, MO

Sept. 29
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1600 Block of South Main.

Northwest Missouri
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Police Department

Sept. 23
A summons was issued for stealing in Lot ten.

Sept. 25
A summons was issued for liquor law violation in Dietrich Hall.

Sept. 26
A summons was issued for property damage at Lot 60.

A summons was issued for liquor law violation in Lot ten.

A summons was issued for drug law violation in Lot ten.


Sept. 27
A summons was issued for liquor law violation in Milikan Hall.

A summons was issued for liquor law violation in Franken Hall.

A summons was issued for property damage at Lot 38.

A summons issued for harassment at an unknown location.

Sept. 28
A summons was issued for drug law violation at 622 Walnut.



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BRANT WEILAND
Title: Heavy, 2015 Medium: Performance with Ceramic Chain
Location: Chautauqua, NY

Featured Artist

Brant Weiland re-entered college to pursue a fine arts teaching degree after a career as a construction and maintenance worker while managing an art studio and teaching community art classes in his free time.

A friend recommended he try Northwest. “After a year and a half, my understanding and growth have exceeded all former expectations.”

Weiland said he hopes to set new marks for what art means.

“My works are metaphors that I use to express my interest in human interactions and perceptions of societal norms. I challenge myself and the audience to look at a structure of thought and strip away erroneous information. The connections between my work and research have led me to believe we are constantly looking to complete the incomplete, to repair and restore the order of an otherwise fractured existence, pushing the limitations of our belief.”



BRANT WEILAND
Title: Family Portrait, 2015
Medium: Found object, Porcelain, Steel



BRANT WEILAND
Title: Surface Treatment, 2014
Medium: Porcelain, LED lights, Oxides

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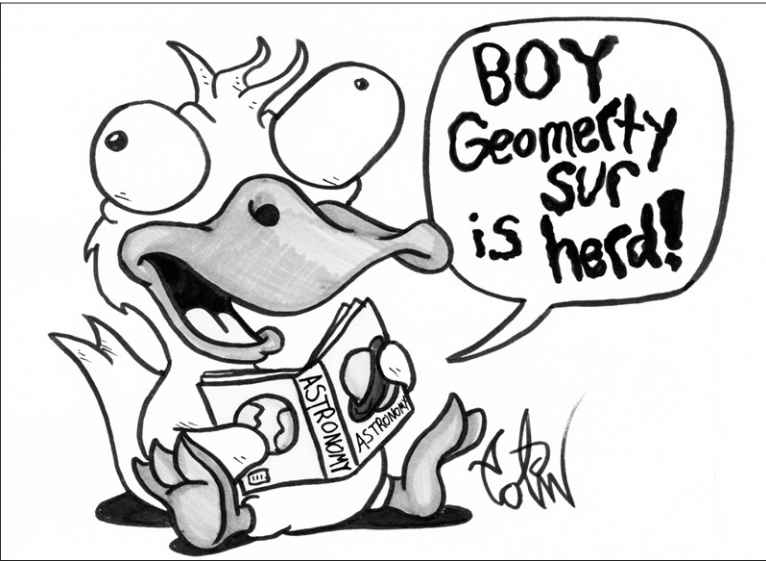
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

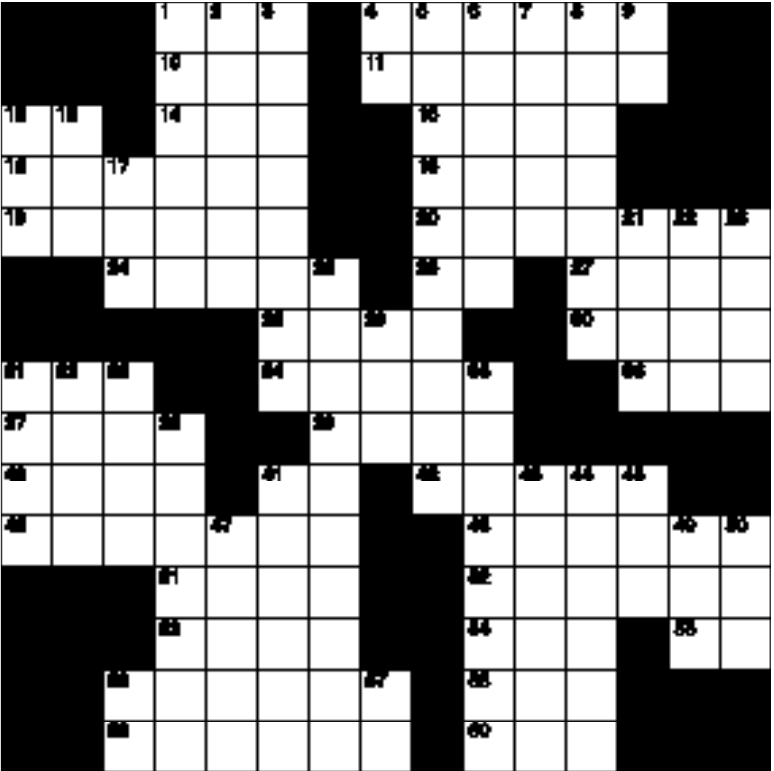
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Clues Across

1. Mythological bird
4. Norwegian sea inlets
10. Military mailbox
11. Curved span
12. One hundred grams
14. Chest muscle (slang)
15. Old Portuguese pennies
16. Remove connection
18. Gas storage container
19. Conakry is the capital
20. Erstwhile
24. W. Australian capital
26. Dr. Laura's initials
27. Death notice
28. Irtysh River city
30. So. Am. country
31. Last in an large series
34. Term for alternative musical passage
36. 12
37. A nestling hawk or falcon
39. Vice president
40. Detailed criteria for a piece of work
41. Six
42. Gossipy
46. Relating to the body
48. Incendiary liquid used in firebombs
51. Plunder
52. Niger capital
53. Game of chukkas
54. Genus Hedera
55. Government prosecutor
56. Plural of genus
58. Born of
59. Livebearers tropical fishes
60. Doctor of Education

Clues Down

1. Plundering
2. Can-____, kitchen tool
3. Crested Australian parrot
4. 4th tone of scale
5. Author of "The Rings"
6. Mains
7. Major European river
8. PC publishing



9. 40th state
12. A tight embrace
13. Large African antelope
17. Impertinence
21. Wild Eurasian mountain goat
22. City in Malaysia
23. Small ornamental bag
25. Nelson's ship
29. Point midway between S and SE
31. "Untouchables" Elliot
32. Misprint
33. Heme
35. Italian mountain range
38. Surgical knife
41. Purple
43. Forfeited
44. Fixed a female cat
45. An edible tuberous root
47. Formerly included in genus Cedrela
49. Headed up
50. Soft shelled clam genus
56. Country doctor
57. Equally

SOLUTIONS

Sept. 24

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According to the New York Times:

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Also according to the New York Times, “The Martian” Director Ridley Scott was informed by NASA two months prior to the film’s announcement. However, he did not have time to make changes to the film.



Hotel Transylvania 2 was released in theaters Friday, Sept. 25 and brought in \$47.5 million dollars in revenue for the opening weekend.

The season premiere of Agents of Shield aired Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Wednesday, Sept. 30 The Walk starring Joseph Gordon Levitt was released in theaters.



Facebook briefly went down Monday, Sept. 28, sending social media moguls into a frenzy. How will they know ‘it’s complicated’ now?



Monday, Sept. 28 was National Drink Beer Day and was a trending topic on Twitter.

The hashtag #UnlikelyThings-HeardAtAZoo was also trending on Twitter.

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Think
before
you ink

REBECCA BOREN
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With an influx of people getting tattoos, horror stories are becoming extremely common. Before you consider getting a quote permanently marked on your body, you might want to consider running it through spell check and having someone check your grammar.

Junior Emily Spittler has three tattoos already. “I have a serotonin neurotransmitter on my back shoulder that I got June, 2014. I got this tattoo because it is one of the happiness molecules and I got it while I was fighting off depression,” Spittler said.

Spittler also has the ampersand symbol and a shark tattoo.

Having gone through the tattoo experience three times, Spittler is familiar with the process and has some advice for those who think they can handle it.

“Give yourself more than one day to recover if you get a tattoo on your foot. You’ll be hobbling around for at least a week,” Spittler said.

Freshmen Shane Miller also has a tattoo on the inside of both his biceps, a quote that reads, “Speak for the silent and stand for the broken.”

“We had a speaker come to my high school and when he said that, it just stuck with me ever since,” Miller said.

Shane also recommends running a quote through spellcheck before putting it on your body.

However, not just students get tattoos. Delvin Scofield, assistant professor for the Department of Humanities and Social Services, also has several tattoos.

“(I have one) on my wrist from a poem by Dylan Thomas which says



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

A good tattoo is not a product of impulse. Make sure the pain is worth the gain.

‘Do not go gently.’ I had two reasons for getting this tattoo, one of them being that I liked the poem and its message of never giving up, but also I used to chew at the time. It was a reminder to not give up on quitting,” Scofield said.

He also has a celtic cross on one shoulder and a celtic endless knot on the other shoulder.

“I originally wanted to be an archeologist and I thought celtic archeology might be something I would be interested in,” Scofield said.

Being a bit older than the traditional Northwest student, Scofield provides some words of wisdom concerning tattoo placement.

“Keep in mind the placement because as we get older, things stretch

in ways that we don’t expect them to when we are young,” Scofield said.

Westside Tattoo is the tattoo parlor in Maryville located at 215 5th St. next to the post office.

Kirk Poppa is one of the artists that work in the shop and has been doing tattoos for seven years.

“I first got into the tattoo business because I really liked the art aspect of it. I have always enjoyed the art culture, so why not do it for a living?” Poppa said.

Having worked at a tattoo parlor in a college town, Poppa has seen many different kinds of people and many different kinds of mistakes. He offers up his top three dos and don’ts for tattoos.

TAT-DOS

1. Do research. You don’t want to get what you think is ‘faith’ in Chinese only to find out later that it says
2. Get to know your artist first. Check out their work, make a couple visits before you let them mark your skin.
3. Double check to make sure everything is clean and sterile. You are allowed to ask them to show you their procedures.

TAT-DON'TS

1. Don’t rush into getting something just because. You’re going to end up getting something you don’t want.
2. Don’t get a significant other’s name tattooed anywhere.
3. Don’t get it in the first place you think of. Always consider where you want it beforehand, so you don’t end up leaving disappointed.

Excitement builds for October concerts

LUKE PETERSON
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

With the change of the season, musicians begin their fall touring schedules. Venues across the country will be filled with a variety of artist and genres.

Many Northwest students are planning to attend some of the shows near Kansas City. Hard rock band Breaking Benjamin comes to

“Crossroads KC @ Grinder’s” and Sophomore Tayte Myers plans to be there.

“Breaking Benjamin has been one of my favorite bands since freshman year of high school and I want to see them for a second time,” Myers said.

The hard rock band from Pennsylvania returned to touring after ending their hiatus. The tour is in support of their new album “Dark

Before Dawn”. They will perform in Kansas City Friday Oct. 2.

Another upcoming show in Kansas City is Chance the Rapper. The 22 year-old rapper will perform at the Midland Theater Wednesday Oct. 14 with D.R.A.M., Metro Boomin, and Towkio.

Chance the Rapper just released his debut album “Surf” this last May and a collaborative mixtape will follow rapper, Lil B back in August.

“I have a buddy that lives in KC that I’ll try to go with,” Senior Robb Beck said. “I am ready to hear him do some songs from his album.”

Midland Theater will also host indie artist Passion Pit Tuesday Oct. 20.

The indie project led by Michael Angelakos will be joined by the South African alternative band Atlas Genius for a show that Sophomore Abby Ranes is excited to attend.

“I just can’t wait to see the crazy awesome energy they will put on,” Ranes said.

“The songs they have to play are ‘Smile Upon Me’ and ‘I’ll Be Alright’ because they are jams!”

These three concerts are only a few of the many being held in Kansas City this month.

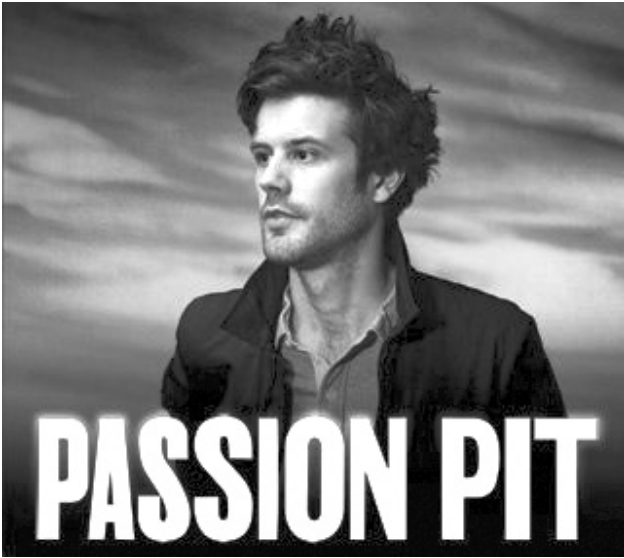
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TUESDAY OCT. 20

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SHOW AT 8:00 P.M.
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Deathly Encounter

a short story by Hannah Kludy

I watched her from the other side of the bridge which was walled in by thick overgrowth, wild and untrimmed. The roof of the bridge blocked out the moonlight which darted mischievously through the trees towering above. The ground was dark and I slouched, crouched in the fold of the shadows and waited. The wind blew my hair, ruffling it and I felt as insubstantial as the breeze itself, stealthy and secretive. And I watched her. I had been watching for hours now, ever since the moon rose in the sky, obscured in the early hours of the evening by clouds. Now well past midnight, the sky was bright and clear. It was a perfect evening and I'd had nearly enough of the waiting. The excitement, the building pressure, the tension, it felt miraculous for a while, but it all needed to break.

The trees above bent in the wind and shook orange and brown leaves to the ground as she approached me. Her medium length brown hair was swept up into a bun. She wore a tight black dress and thick red heels, silhouettes, wasn't that what they were called? No, stilettos. That was it. They made a clipping noise that made the hair on my arms stand

up as she came closer, and closer. I could smell her perfume, the scent of hair spray and body wash. I breathed her in, waiting for the perfect moment. It was near, I could feel it.

And it was difficult to ignore those feelings when they got so strong. The temptation was just too much and I thought I might explode. It wasn't that I was angry, in fact, I was exceptionally calm and quiet. I was the type of guy to hold a door open for someone even if they were ten feet behind me and I was in a rush. I was the epitome of good manners, but every now and then, I just had to give in. Tonight was the night and my hands hurt, ached with wanting.

I imagined her face turning purple, the little veins in her pretty brown eyes popping. I could imagine how her dress would be rumpled in the morning and how she would have lost one of her heels in the struggle. I could practically feel her pulse beating below the palms of my hands yet she was still too far away. She looked sweet and oblivious, chatting away on her phone. I imagined her friend would be upset when they appeared to lose connection. I thought about how her phone would

ring, and ring, and ring and nobody would pick it up. It would go dead before someone picked it up. I stifled a giggle, not willing to let on too early that I was there. And I waited, counting to ten, holding my breath until she was a foot from me, within an arm's reach.


I sprang out and made a wild grab for her, hands closing on her thin, pale neck. She shivered and continued talking on the phone.

"Yeah, I'm on my way. These shoes are killing me, just give me a second," she snapped.

I grasped for her again and again, my translucent fingers scrabbling at her shoulders, trying to heave her back but to no avail. It had seemed so right! I slunk back to my shadow, disappointed. It was torturous to me that death had stolen away my only pleasure in life. I was as light and quick and quiet as moonlight, as the wind, as the chill in the air, and as invisible to my victim as I could possibly hope to be but it was all for nothing. Lurking, I waited and hoped and even said a little prayer, just like I did last night, and the night before, and the week before, and the year before, and a decade before that.

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OCT 05	SAC Lecture: Beverly Gooden 7 p.m. Charles Johnson Theater
OCT 14	SAC Event: Carlos Andres Gomez (Spoken Word Poet) 7 p.m. Student Union Living Room
OCT 15	SAC Event: Throwback Game Night 9 - 11 p.m. Ballroom
OCT 16	SAC Event: Flash Back Friday 8 - 11 p.m. Boardroom, First Ladies Dining Room, Tower View
OCT 21	SAC Event: Fall Comedian: Dave Coulier 7 p.m. Performing Arts Center
OCT 23	SAC Event: Walkout Day Events 3 p.m. College Park Pavilion
OCT 29	SAC Event: Cosmic Bowling 9 p.m. Bearcat Lanes
OCT 30	SAC Event: Movie Series 8 p.m. The Station

THE STROLLER: Your Woman wants pumpkin spice everything

It's officially fall and you know what that means: yes, pumpkin spice is back. Ladies rejoice, our guilty pleasure is back and for a limited time.

Of course, pumpkin spice gets its fair amount of shade being called the drink of basic...gals. Honestly, who cares? You're not some cool girl if you claim to not like pumpkin spice, you're just missing out. More for the rest of us.

Pumpkin spice comes once a year, like christmas or the letter E. It's limited and by the time it's gone, we're sick of it anyway.

Many times products face ridicule because of overexposure and in your face advertising, but pumpkin spice is what keeps us ladies satiated and able to last another day without falling off the deep end and rampaging the streets like a predator. Extreme? Nah. The simple fact is women

get ridiculed for liking something just because it's popular and overdone. Football comes once a year. Baseball and hunting season comes once a year. Let the ladies have this one. Don't praise those who claim not to like it as if they're some great defector of normality.

It's simpler just to sit by and let your woman enjoy her pumpkin spice without comment, maybe even enjoy one for yourself, see what all the hype is about and inevitably be sucked into the addiction.

Now, I will take my stereotypical self to Starbucks and order the biggest pumpkin spice frappuccino and enjoy every delicious sip while I still can. As always, stay thirsty my friends.

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JACKSON
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This season, Jackson has shared the bulk of the carries with sophomore running back Cameron Wilcox. Jackson has carried the ball 29 times for 117 yards while Wilcox has 33 carries for 134 yards.

Jackson said this has allowed both him and Wilcox to keep fresh legs when they do have the chance to carry the ball.

“You see in a lot of offenses that you don’t just have one back anymore,” Jackson said. “It helps because you’re never tired during the game. After the game, I feel like I could play another game and Cam feels the same way. We actually like splitting reps because it keeps us fresh. We kind of talk to each other while we’re out there, like ‘what are you seeing’ and ‘what am I seeing’ and we kind of help each other out that way.”

Although both running backs are fresh when they see the field, the Bearcats have struggled so far with their rushing attack. Northwest is ranked just eighth in the MIAA in rushing offense after finishing the 2014 season ranked second in that category.

One reason is the defensive schemes that Bearcat opponents use against the rushing attack. Central Oklahoma was relentless with man coverage and blitzes that were designed to stop the run and put pressure on the quarterback.

With all of that being said, Jackson is confident that putting in work during practice will help the rushing attack get back to what it was last season.

“I think we’ll get it,” Jackson said. “I think we just have to work harder in practice on picking up blocks and running hard. I just think that we’re one block away every time. It’s never one person, it’s a collective unit. We will just work on our execution and work on picking up those blocks that we need to spring me and Cam for some good touchdowns.”

The Bearcats take a long road trip to Tallequah, Oklahoma this week to take on the Northeastern State RiverHawks.

Dorrel is no stranger to Northeastern State. Dorrel began his college coaching career as a graduate assistant for the RiverHawks for one year in 1998.

Although the RiverHawks come into the game without a win, a few of the losses have been close, including a 14-point loss to Fort Hays State on the road and a seven-point loss to Missouri Western.

Traveling long distances for a road game can pose preparation problems for a team, but Dorrel said the six-hour road trip might actually play into the team’s favor.

“I think if you look at us statistically and historically, we play pretty well on long road trips,” Dorrel said. “I have a theory on that, I think our kids enjoy being together. We have fun...We stop along the way, we stay at nice places and we eat pretty good. I just think our kids enjoy getting away from the college life a little bit and hanging out together.”

NEXT UP

Bearcats @ Riverhawks

7 p.m.
Oct. 3

Doc Wadley Stadium



Junior running back Phil Jackson III carries the weight of being a leader on the football team.

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Head Coach Tracy Hoza directs her players during practice Monday.

HOZA
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The transition did not affect Hoza’s performance on the field at Mercyhurst, as she quickly became one of the better players on the team. While she was at Mercyhurst, Hoza played under coach Rich Hartis, who is one of her biggest coaching influences.

“Rich went on to be one of the technical directors for the Manchester United Academy and then he later went on to coach in the Premier League in England,” Hoza said. “He is a very very successful coach. He was absolutely brilliant.”

In 1994 and 1995, Hoza was a team captain and was selected as an All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Home. In 1994, Hoza also helped lead Mercyhurst to the Division II Final Four. Besides excelling in soc-

cer at Mercyhurst, Hoza’s hard work and dedication earned her a degree in sports medicine. Hoza’s accomplishments at Mercyhurst left a legacy. This last summer, Hoza’s legacy and accomplishments at Mercyhurst were honored as she was elected into the school’s Hall of Fame.

After Hoza graduated from Mercyhurst, she continued her education at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania. Besides furthering her education at Lock Haven, Hoza got her first shot in the coaching ranks by serving as a student assistant under Head Coach Peter Campbell. During her two seasons at Lock Haven, Hoza experienced success similar to what she had at Mercyhurst. In 1999, Lock Haven advanced to the Division II Sweet 16 and in 2000 the team made it to the Elite Eight. After spending two years at Lock Haven, Hoza graduated with a master’s degree in liberal arts.

Coach Hoza’s success as a col-

legiate soccer player and student assistant did not go unnoticed, and in 2001 Toledo hired her as an assistant coach. During her two seasons at Toledo, Hoza learned the different aspects that are involved with coaching at the collegiate level.

“I had a brief stint there,” Hoza said. “I was in charge of recruiting. On the recruiting side, that’s where I needed to know what I had to do, (which was) get on the road and make connections. That was the biggest thing I took from Toledo.”

After two successful seasons at Toledo, Hoza was ready for her next challenge, which was being the head coach of her own soccer team. When the Northwest soccer head coaching position became vacant, Hoza saw it as a great opportunity to advance in the coaching ranks. In 2003, Hoza was hired as the Northwest soccer head coach and she instantly knew she had made the right decision to come to the University.

“It is a job (coaching at Northwest), but you go beyond that,” Hoza said. “It’s a way of life with everything moving in a positive direction and it’s an amazing environment. I love the environment, I love being around schooling, I love being around soccer, and no better place to be than at a university. No better place to be than at Northwest.”

Under Hoza’s direction, the Bearcats have won 82 games and the team has made two MIAA post-season appearances. Even though the team has had its fair share of struggles, Hoza has always been effective at making her players feel comfortable and developing a unique relationship with them.

“I feel like we’re pretty close with her,” senior Anna Holden said. “There’s multiple players who will just go up to her office and hangout during the week and they’re not discussing things about soccer. They feel pretty comfortable doing that, so I say we have a pretty close connection with her.”



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Tough schedule awaits volleyball team

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The Northwest Missouri State volleyball team has started out the 2015 season in an impressive fashion. After winning its first two games in Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association play, the Bearcats are 9-3 overall.



“I am so proud of the girls with how we’re playing and we just need to remember to keep improving from here,” junior Jackie Becker said. “(The 9-3 start) definitely boosts our confidence and it shows that we are better than what we think we are. We are strong, all our hard work is paying off and I think it’s showing us that we can compete with the higher teams in our conference.”

The Bearcats exciting start is a testament to their toughness and poise, as they battled through a tough and rigid non-conference schedule. The difficult non-conference schedule was set up with the intention of challenging the Bearcats as they prepared for MIAA competition.

Four of Northwest’s non-conference games came against teams from the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, which is one of the toughest conferences in Division II. In its four games against NSIC teams, Northwest not only came away with two hard-fought victo-



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior defensivie specialist AarikaWittenburg digs the ball for a return against Missouri Southern. The Bearcats defeated the Lions 3-0.

ries, but they also showed that they can compete against physical opponents.

“They’ve definitely put up some strong competition and they throw things out there that we don’t usually see,” Becker said. “I know Augustana averages 6’1”, 6’2” and you don’t see a lot of that height in our conference, but it’s good for us to go up and see those different things, so we know how to adjust to those early on.”

With their non-conference slate behind them, and victories again Missouri Southern and Southwest Baptist to open up conference play, the Bearcats are readily focused on what could potentially be the toughest part of their schedule.

After Pittsburg State, Northwest will play against Central Oklahoma and Missouri Western, arguably the two best teams in the MIAA. Northwest’s matchup against Central Oklahoma and Missouri Southern could be key in deciding who wins the MIAA regular season championship.

“(Central Oklahoma and Missouri Western) bring good challenges because they have consistency and they’re serving passes very well,” Head Coach Amy Werth said. “I think our offense can match theirs from the standpoint of the fire power that we can bring. It’s going to be a battle of who can stay in-system more often than not and I think we’ll be up for the challenge

for sure.”

If the Bearcats hope to take home the MIAA regular season championship, they will not only have to win tough conference matches at home, but they will also have to win on the road. Fortunately for Northwest, its roster is loaded with seasoned veterans, making them well equipped to win in hostile environments MIAA teams present.

Going forward, Northwest plays five more home games before heading on an extensive four game road-trip that will feature teams like Washburn and Emporia State.

Despite finishing 8-14 in the MIAA last year, the Bearcats feel that they are a different team this season and are confident that they

can compete with the best their conference has to offer.

“We’ve got to remember that we’re just as good as them, if not better,” Becker said. “We like the status of an underdog because it gives us a little bit more fire and fight, but at the same time we’re no less than any of those teams. I think we’ve got to remember that we can play at a higher level better than those teams can. We’ve just got to put it all together and show it.”

NEXT UP

Bearcats vs. Gorillas

7 p.m.
Oct. 2
Bearcat Arena

Senior success sets pace for cross country team

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The success senior Nolan Zimmer has seen in his years at Northwest makes it seems like he has been running since the day he took his first step, but that is not the case.



Zimmer did not always run cross country, but stumbled upon it during his days in high school.

“When I was a freshman in high school, I did not run cross country,” Zimmer said. “I made the decision to go out for track. I broke five minutes on the mile and it just gave me a lot of inspiration. The cross country coach at the time persuaded me by saying ‘hey, you would be really good at this, why don’t you consider going out for cross country this fall?’”

While attending Kearney High School, Zimmer’s performance

grew to an award-winning level. He was able to qualify and place in the top 10 at the state cross country meet each of his three years on the team.

“I was fortunate to be a part of that,” Zimmer said. “It was great to see the hard work pay off.”

Zimmer knew the success he had in high school would lead him to competing at the college level. During the summer before his senior year, he began looking at schools around the region and decided

Northwest was where he belonged.

“I was just impressed by everything, the beauty of the campus, the coach and the individuals,” Zimmer said. “It was a better fit for myself as a runner and as a student athlete.”

Northwest Cross Country Head Coach Scott Lorek and the cross country staff led the team to success on and off the field.

“He was one of our key recruits that year,” Lorek said. “For a year or two, we were able to bring in a few guys at Nolan’s caliber. That’s why we are doing so well.”

Although Zimmer did not red-shirt until his junior year, he led the team to success this season. In the Bearcat Open Sept. 4, Zimmer finished in first place with a time of 26:04.9 in the eight-kilometer event. He was also named the MIAA athlete of the week following this event.

Two weeks later, Zimmer turned

around and finished with the team’s top time of 26:07.1 in the Woody Greeno Invitational. The team placed second overall in both meets.

“He came in as a freshman and made an adjustment to the college level pretty easily,” Lorek said. “He has stepped up since he was a freshman and has been a leader since day one.”

Lorek plans to use Zimmer’s talent and leadership to lead the team towards the MIAA and NCAA championships.

“We have really high goals for getting to that top level,” Lorek said. “I think we’ve got the guys to do it, we just need to stay healthy, progress and have a good day on the right day.”

Until then, Zimmer plans to carry his success from early this season into the Arkansas Chile Pepper Festival Oct. 10.

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FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	4-0	4-0
Emporia St.....	4-0	4-0
Fort Hays St.....	3-1	3-1
Pittsburg St.....	3-1	3-1
Washburn.....	3-1	3-1
Missouri Western.....	3-1	3-1
Central Missouri.....	2-2	2-2
Lindenwood.....	1-3	1-3
Missouri Southern.....	1-3	1-3
Central Oklahoma.....	0-4	0-4
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-4	0-4
Northeastern St.....	0-4	0-4

Oct. 3
NORTHWEST at Northeastern St.
Missouri Southern at Central Missouri
Washburn at Fort Hays St.

Oct. 10
NORTHWEST vs. Lindenwood
Fort Hays St. vs. Missouri Western
Pittsburg St. vs. Emporia St.

VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	13-1	2-0
Missouri Western.....	10-2	2-0
NORTHWEST.....	9-3	2-0
Wasburn.....	13-1	2-1
Nebraska Kearney.....	12-3	2-1
Central Missouri.....	13-2	1-1
Lindenwood.....	8-3	1-1
Fort Hays St.....	9-6	1-2
Emporia St.....	6-6	1-2
Southwest Baptist.....	2-10	0-2
Missouri Southern.....	0-12	0-2
Pittsburg St.....	0-13	0-2

Oct. 2
NORTHWEST vs. Pittsburg St.
Oct. 3
NORTHWEST vs. Central Oklahoma

WOMEN'S SOCCER

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Central Missouri.....	8-0	2-0
Northeastern St.....	7-1	2-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	3-3-2	2-0
Central Oklahoma.....	4-3-1	1-0-1
Fort Hays St.....	5-3	1-1
Emporia St.....	4-4	1-1
Southwest Baptist.....	4-4	1-1
Washburn.....	2-4-2	1-1
Missouri Western.....	4-2-1	0-1-1
NORTHWEST.....	1-4-2	0-2
Missouri Southern.....	2-6	0-2
Lindenwood.....	1-5-2	0-2

Oct. 2
NORTHWEST vs.
Southwest Baptist
Missouri Western vs.
Missouri Southern

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC Standings

	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	6-0	4-0
Smithville.....	5-1	4-0
Chillicothe.....	5-1	3-1
Savannah.....	3-3	2-2
Bishop LeBlond.....	3-3	1-3
Benton.....	2-4	1-3
Lafayette.....	1-5	1-3
Cameron.....	1-5	0-4

Oct. 2
MARYVILLE at Smithville
Bishop LeBlond at Benton
Chillicothe at Savannah

Oct. 9
MARYVILLE vs. Savannah



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MEC powerhouses clash for top spot Friday night

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The Spoofhounds and the Smithville Warriors face off on the gridiron this weekend in the battle for first place in the Midland Empire Conference.

Both teams head into the match-up undefeated in Class 3 MEC play. Smithville is 5-1 with its only loss this season to Oak Hill, who is ranked number eight in Missouri. Maryville head coach Matt Webb said playing at Smithville's field presents a challenge for the team.

"We want to be the chase," Webb said. "We can't win a conference championship this weekend but we can certainly stay and be the chaser. They are the only other undefeated team left in MEC play and we are the underdog at their place. It is their homecoming. We have to go over there and fight an uphill battle the entire game."

Maryville (6-0) is ranked No. 11 and Smithville is ranked No. 27 respectively overall in Missouri.

Head coach Jason Ambrosion is in his first year as the Warriors coach. The former Iowa State University quarterback was previously the head coach for Moberly High School. In his 14-year tenure, Ambrosion posted an 80-73 career record under helm for the Spartans.

"I've known him for over 20 years of my life," Webb said. "He's a very good football coach. He has coached at a lot of different places and built a good program at Moberly. I know his Iowa State back-

ground and before that he has had some college football experience. He has turned around programs in different areas. I have a lot respect for him and his staff he brought with him there."

Both teams have been built with the same formula this year: a balanced offense while playing team defense.

Maryville only passed for 92 yards and a touchdown, but the rushing game was too much for Benton as Maryville ran for a combined 289 yards and six touchdowns last week.

Smithville's senior quarterback Mitch Orr continues his productive season, throwing for 192 yards and two touchdowns in last week's victory against Bishop LeBlond. Webb said predicting a balanced offense is a difficult task.

"It's very difficult because you don't know their tendencies," Webb said. "They run the football and they throw the football well. They just have good athletes. Their quarterback is going to be the best quarterback we have played yet this year. He is dynamic and makes plays with his legs."

The Warriors' defense has been stout against both the run and the pass.

They have given up an average of less than five first downs per game through their first six games. Senior running back Dakota Beemer said the offense needs to stay balanced to be productive.

"We have to do a little bit of everything," Beemer said. "We have to do a little bit of passing and running the ball. We have been doing a lot of



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior running back Dakota Beemer sheds a defender in the Spoofhounds' 56-6 win against Benton Sept. 25.

work on the line with the blocking scheme. We need to make sure we toughen up our protection. We just have to stay even across the board and that is really going to help us."

The Spoofhounds defense has been just as polished. They intercepted Benton five times and returned one for a touchdown last week. This moves Maryville's turn-

over differential to plus 14 through its first six games.

Both teams have been able to convert drives into touchdowns on the season. On offense, Maryville is averaging 49 points-per-game compared Smithville's 29 points-per-game.

As for both teams' defense, they have allowed similar numbers.

Maryville is allowing teams to score five points-per-game on the season while Smithville's defense has allowed nine points-per-game.

If history plays any part in this weekend's game, then it could be in favor for the Spoofhounds. Maryville's last loss to Smithville came in 2006, but that loss came at Smithville in a 33-7 game.

Soccer forward flashes offensive skill in senior season

KYLE YEHLER
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As a forward on a soccer team, you are in the best position to score goals. For Maryville senior forward Zach Brod, goals are becoming something of a habit.

"I've had a good season so far," Brod said.

"I think it's better than the last few seasons I've had."

Brod, one of four captains on the Maryville soccer team, has netted three hat tricks this season.

Maryville soccer head coach

Stuart Collins attributes Brod's success this season to letting his teammates help him out.

"Most freshman think you get the ball at your feet and it's all up to you," Collins said. "Zach was the same way as a freshman. Now he knows that if he gets the ball, then gives the ball off, he's going to get it back. It just gives him the ability to cut through people."

This philosophy that Brod has also gives the opposition headaches.

"They put three people on him and he goes through them and scores," Collins said. "That gives them fits."

Brod's mental progression in the sport is not the only thing Collins appreciates. Collins said his ability to lead the team has led to success as well.

"His leadership has been outstanding this year in soccer," Collins said. "I appreciate that a lot because it means he cares enough about it to step up and do the job."

Brod said helping lead his fellow teammates is something he takes pride in.

"It's good to be a captain on this team and to lead them throughout every game, and to push them harder," Brod said.

With his success, the Maryville senior has a chance at playing at the next level. Brod says he has not looked at many colleges yet, but the central Iowa area is a possibility.

"I have been looking at Simpson College a little bit, just because one of my friends up there plays on the varsity team," Brod said.

"Other than that, I just haven't gotten to any other universities that are interested in me."

As a team, Maryville sits at 7-6, not counting Tuesday's game at Benton, with district play starting next month.

After last season's 4-0 loss to

Chillicothe in the district final, Brod said this year the team is ready to advance past the district stage.

"This season we have a lot of upperclassmen," Brod said.

"I think we have like seven or eight seniors, so the upperclassmen alone (will make for) a very good time. A lot of us have been playing together ever since Twisters soccer, which is really good because you build up chemistry with the team."

As long as Brod continues to record hat tricks at the same pace, conquering districts for the first time in several years is becoming more and more possible.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Jacob Vollstedt



The sophomore linebacker earned MIAA/AstroTurf Defensive Athlete of the Week after tallying 18 tackles, three sacks and two pass breakups in the Bearcats 23-16 victory over Central Oklahoma.

Kaleigh Ashen



The freshman shot a low round of 79 to place 19th overall as the Bearcat golf team placed sixth at the MIAA Fall Preview Sept. 28-29.

SPOOFHOUNDS



Dustin Piper



The senior defensive end for the Spoofhound's football team ran an interception back for a touchdown in Maryville's 56-6 win at Benton.

Jacquelyn Ware



The senior for the Maryville volleyball team recorded a team-high nine digs as the Spoofhounds lost to Savannah in straight sets Sept. 24.



Junior running back Phil Jackson II carries two defenders as the Bearcats beat Central Oklahoma 23-16 Sept. 26 at Bearcat Stadium.

SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Bearcats embrace junior leader

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One of the highest honors a player can earn within the confines of any locker room is being named a team captain. In most cases, teammates select the veteran leaders. This year, the Bearcats put their faith in junior running back Phil Jackson II.

Jackson came to Northwest from Carol Stream, Illinois, a village just 33 miles outside the heart of Chicago. At Glenbard North High School,



Jackson was a three-time all-conference running back. As a senior, Jackson rushed for over 1,500 yards, averaged over six yards a carry with 20 touchdowns and earned all-area accolades.

Jackson, like many Bearcat recruits, said the reason he chose to attend Northwest was because of the family atmosphere.

"It made me feel at home because back at my high school, we had kind of the same atmosphere that Northwest has," Jackson said. "When I got here and saw the way that (head coach Adam Dorrel) handled him-

self and handled the program, it really made me feel like 'man, this feels like home. This feels like a place where I could really excel.'"

At Northwest, Jackson has appeared in 28 games since the 2013 season. Jackson is fastly approaching the 1,000-yard mark for his career rushing total which currently sits at 976.

Of the seven captains named this year, six are seniors. Jackson is the lone junior. While being a captain is difficult as a senior, it is especially tough as a junior. Jackson said he has embraced his new leadership

role and sees it as an honor.

"It really made me feel good to know that my coaches trust me enough to be a leader of this team," Jackson said. "I was happy that I was able to step into a position where I can help lead our team into victories and help lead our team in the right way. Even when I was younger here, I always tried to be a leader and tried to show people the right way and lead by example."

Dorrel said one of the reasons he thinks Jackson is a good fit as a captain is the amount his teammates rely on him both on and off the field.

"Phil is a very caring person," Dorrel said.

"He does great with our young kids. I know because I've seen it first hand. Our guys use him a lot off the field. I know he's kind of a parent type to a few of those guys, and the thing that I love about him is he understands leadership and he's not afraid to get after a kid. You always see him follow up with that kid and he lets them know that he's doing that because he cares for them, not because he's trying to be detrimental."

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BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Head Coach Tracy Hoza directs her players on certain skills during practice Monday afternoon.

Hoza brings overseas influence

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Since the age of three, Northwest Soccer Head Coach Tracy Hoza has committed a large part of her life to soccer.

Born in Ireland, Hoza is the youngest of 11. She may not have coached soccer in Ireland, but she gained the knowledge and wisdom of the game in her home country.

When Hoza was not watching her brothers and sisters play soccer, she could be found watching it on television. Hoza's everlasting dedication early on not only showed her love for soccer, but it also showed that she was a student of the game.

"(Soccer has taught me the importance of) hard work, smart work and trying to put the two togeth-



er, but recognizing there is a difference," Hoza said. "I understand and what I love is the passion of playing. It's an absolute brilliant sport. Sometimes things are not going to go your way. (Soccer) can be cruel and it can be beautiful."

During elementary and high school, Hoza followed in her family's footsteps by playing soccer on club and factory teams. While Hoza was learning what it took to become a good soccer player, she switched between being a forward, outside midfielder, and center midfielder.

At the peak of her high school career, Hoza also played for the Irish under-18 team and the Irish senior team. Shortly after Hoza graduated high school, she received a scholarship to play at Mercyhurst University, located in Pennsylvania. Even though Hoza loved her home country, she instantly knew she wanted

to come to the United States. Hoza also saw the opportunity she had at Mercyhurst both athletically and academically.

"I loved soccer and I loved school," Hoza said. "I wasn't a brilliant student but I just loved school. There was something about America too, that I liked. When I first saw the letter (Mercyhurst's scholarship offer), I knew straight away I was going there. I knew I was going to the states. For some reason, when I was age 10, I learned all the words to Neil Diamond's (song) 'They're coming to America.'"

Even though the adjustment was difficult for Hoza, soccer and school helped her adapt to her new life and become acclimated in the United States.

SEE HOZA | A9

Royals battle for top spot in American League

TREY RANDLE
Chief Reporter



Jumbo shrimp, one-man band and a quality Kansas City sports team are a few pretty good examples of oxymorons. OK, maybe not the last one, but it has appeared to be the case considering the history of Kansas City sports.

Sure, the Kansas City Chiefs will have a year or two in which they are considered a legitimate playoff contender, but that quickly fades as frequently as the seasons change.

The majority of successful teams in sports reside in big-market cities with the exception of a few. The Green Bay Packers historically are one of the better teams in football, although they are located in a smaller market in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Compared to Houston and Dallas, San Antonio is small but the Spurs dominate the professional basketball scene. Then there's baseball.

In what's known as "America's pastime", one would assume the major market teams such as Boston, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles would dominate. For the better part of baseball's history, this has rang true, but enter the Kansas City Royals, a team that as of last year, has entrenched itself as one of the better teams, if not the best, in all of Major League Baseball.

After Royals General Manager Dayton Moore arrived in

2006, ESPN the Magazine predicted in a 2011 article by Jerry Crasnick that the Royals would be one of the better teams in the league.

With players like first baseman Eric Hosmer and third baseman Mike Moustakas tucked away in Kansas City's farming system, it's easy to see why.

Three short years later, the Royals would make it to game seven of the World Series only to lose to a driven San Francisco Giants team with a transcendent pitcher, Madison Bumgarner. This year, the Royals sit atop the American League Central with only the Toronto Blue Jays challenging for the top spot in the American League.

It is no longer a question "if" the Royals will be a contender, but "how far" their talent will take them into the playoffs. If manager Ned Yost's attention to the playoffs is any indication, Kansas City plans on going all the way.

Falling 6-0 to the Cleveland Indians on Sept. 25 was the last thing on Yost's mind. In the post-season, something Yost refers to as the "wild west", being healthy is more important than winning 100 games during the regular season.

With Toronto challenging for the top spot, Kansas City knows its star players must be ready to go. For a team that is batting .270, has an on base percentage of .323 and an ERA of 3.81, Kansas City has all the necessary tools to make a push in the chaotic MLB playoffs.

With a healthy, focused team, it seems like Crasnick's prophecy has come true.